

Remarks

Applicant submits that the above amendments to the specification do not add new matter to the application. Most of the amendments are made to introduce sequence identification numbers. The amendments to the paragraph on page 6, lines 13-20 are made to correct a typographical error in the referenced patent application number. With regard to SEQ ID NOS:13 and 14, these sequences have been amended to identify where the non-naturally occurring residues are positioned. The correction of these peptide sequences is consistent with the peptide descriptions in WO 01/42281, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety into the present application (see page 10, lines 6-8).

In addition to the above-noted amendments, applicants request entry of the accompanying amended sequence listing. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.821 no new matter has been introduced.

Claims 5, 9, 19, 23, 25, and 27-29 have been amended to recite sequence identification numbers. In addition, SEQ ID NOS:13 and 14 have been corrected as described above. No new matter has been added to the claims. Claims 1-29 remain pending.

Applicant hereby request entry of the above amendments.

In response to the September 13, 2006, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-9) with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction on the basis that the claimed subject matter is closely related and therefore requires common areas of search and consideration. Consequently, no benefit is derived from this restriction.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect AL-8810 with traverse. Applicants traverse the election of species requirement on the basis that all of the functionally equivalent species can be searched and examined without undue burden. Claims (of Group I) reading on the elected species include claims 1-5, 8, and 9.

For the above reasons, applicants respectfully request that the restriction and election of species requirements be withdrawn, and claims 1-29 examined in their entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

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